



September 28, 2020

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Re: Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation

Dear Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, and General Paxton:

The eight not-for-profit children's hospitals that are members of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas write today to thank you for all of your work that resulted in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma announcing Monday that the agency is withdrawing the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation (MFAR) from the regulatory agenda. As you know, this is a significant victory for the State of Texas and our children's hospitals. We greatly appreciate all of the efforts that you took to advance the state's arguments and to protect chi vital safety net hospitals in the state. While there is no guarantee that MFAR will remain withdrawn, we are comforted that you will continue to fight against this harmful regulation should CMS pursue its implementation in the future.

Thank you again for your support. We appreciate your being a champion for children and the providers that serve them.

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